Assessment and accreditation by NAAC

1377. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether accreditation of institutes of higher learning, including Universities, by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is proposed to be made mandatory;

(b) if so, the details with number of such institutes/Universities already accredited, State-wise;

(c) whether fixation of fees by the concerned institutes for various courses would be one of the criteria for assessment;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether deemed universities conducting professional courses in medicine and engineering would also be brought under the scope of NAAC accreditation; and

(f) if so, the details with response of all stake holders to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (f) The existing framework of assessment and accreditation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is presently under review of the University Grants Commission and the Government of India. So far, the NAAC has assessed and accredited 131 Universities and 3074 Colleges details with regard to which is available on the website *www.naacindia.org*.

Central assistance to Punjab under Mid-day Meal Scheme

1378. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance given to the State of Punjab under the Midday Meal Scheme for school children during the last three years ending 31st March, 2007, year-wise;

(b) the share of the State Government on the scheme during the period, year-wise;

(c) whether the entire Central assistance of the States' share was fully utilized during each of the years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to ensure full utilization of the funds on the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Detail of Central assistance given to the Government of Punjab is as under:—

Year	Food grains (Allocation) (to MTs)	Food grains (Lifting) (In MTs)	Cook-port Sub-sidy (In lakh)	Trans-porting & Subsidy (In lakh)	Management Monitoring & Evaluation (In lakh)	Construction of Kitchen Sheds (In lakh)	Procurement of Kitchen Devices (In lakh)
2004-05	43222.38	29171.00	1309.86	-		2742.59	217.37
2005-06	28053.43	8362.00	563.9	-	21.39		
2006-07 (as on 5.3.07)	29401.81	15760.00 (upto Dec,06)	1964.70	75.23	75.20		

(b)As reported by Government of Punjab, an expenditure of Rs.666.00 lakh and Rs.1400.00 lakh was incurred as States' share in 2004-05 and 2006-07 respectively.

(c) and (d) Information is awaited from the Government of Punjab.

Education facilities for a **minority community**

1379. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the States to implement measures for enhancement of education facilities for the benefit of a particular minority community, including upgradation of the educational infrastructure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any guideline for this purpose has been duly formulated and provided to the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and